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SUBJECT:PRESS REPORTS SAUDI PURCHASE OF FRENCH MILITARY
EQUIPMENT

1. DEPARTMENT RECEIVING NUMEROUS INQUIRIES FROM PRESS AND
CONGRESS ON OTHERWISE UNIDENTIFIED FRENCH PRESS REPORT
OF SAUDI ARABIAN PURCHASE OF ONE HUNDRED MIRAGE AIRCRAFT,
ONE HUNDRED HELICOPTERS AND NINE HUNDRED ARMED VEHICLES
FROM FRANCE FOR THE ARAB ORGANIZATION FOR INDUSTRY.

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2. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT ADDRESSEES MIGHT BE ABLE
TO SHED ON ABOVE REPORT WITHOUT APPROACH TO HOST GOVERN-
MENT. WE ASSUME THIS MAY BE DISTORTION OF NEGOTIATIONS
WHICH MAY BE TAKING PLACE FOLLOWING FRENCH-EGYPTIAN
UMBRELLA AGREEMENT SIGNED DURING GAMASY PARIS VISIT. WE
WOULD DISCOUNT, HOWEVER, POSSIBILITY OF ARAB PURCHASE

OF SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF EQUIPMENT FOR AOI SINCE PURPOSE OF
UMBRELLA AGREEMENT WAS TO FOSTER FRENCH-AOI CO-PRODUCTION.
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